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cont. 16. (Amended) The fastener and connector system of Claim 14, wherein the first color indicia and the second color indicia may be different colors.

Please add the following new claims:

22 17. (New) The fastener and connector system of Claim 14, wherein a symbol is applied to the fastener or connector to connote a separate physical property.

18. (New) The fastener and connector system of Claim 17, wherein the symbol comprises a letter.

19. (New) The fastener and connector system of Claim 17, wherein the symbol comprises a number.

20. (New) The joint of claim 10, where from a distance of at least 10 feet, the color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.

21. (New) The joint of claim 10, where from a distance of at least 15 feet, the color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.

22. (New) The joint of claim 10, where from a distance of at least 18 feet, the color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.

23. (New) The joint of claim 10, where from a distance of more than 20 feet, the color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.

24. (New) The joint of Claim 20, wherein the fastener is a bolt.

25. (New) The joint of Claim 20, wherein the fastener is a staple.

26. (New) The joint of Claim 20, wherein the fastener is a rivet.

27. (New) The joint of Claim 20, wherein the fastener is a screw.

28. (New) The joint of Claim 20, wherein the fastener is a wedge anchor bolt.

29. (New) The joint of Claim 20, wherein the fastener is an anchor bolt.

30. (New) The joint of Claim 20, wherein the fastener is a bolt and nut.

31. (New) The joint of Claim 20, wherein the fastener is a lag bolt.

32. (New) The joint of Claim 10, wherein a symbol is applied to the fastener to connote a separate physical property.

33. (New) The joint of Claim 32, wherein the symbol comprises a letter.

34. (New) The joint of Claim 32, wherein the symbol comprises a number.

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35. (New) A joint comprising:

a first surface and a second surface, the first and second surfaces requiring specified physical properties for fasteners used to join the first and second surfaces;

a fastener securing the first surface to the second surface, the fastener having a colored portion which is exposed to view, wherein the color of the colored portion has been pre-selected to define one or more of the specified physical properties.

36. (New) The joint of claim 35, where from a distance of at least 10 feet, the color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.

37. (New) The joint of claim 35, where from a distance of at least 15 feet, the color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.

38. (New) The joint of claim 35, where from a distance of at least 18 feet, the color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.

39. (New) The joint of claim 35, where from a distance of more than 20 feet, the color of the exposed colored portion of the fastener is discernible by a person of ordinary vision.

40. (New) The joint of claim 35, wherein the fastener is selected from the group consisting of screws, bolts and nuts, staples and rivets.

41. (New) The joint of Claim 35, wherein a symbol is applied to the fastener to connote a separate physical property.

42. (New) The joint of Claim 41, wherein the symbol is a letter.

43. (New) The joint of Claim 41, wherein the symbol is a number.

REMARKS

With this amendment, Claims 10-12 and 14-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 17-43 have been added. In view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

The specific changes to the amended claims are shown on a separate set of pages attached hereto and entitled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, which follows the signature page of this Amendment. On this set of pages, insertions are underlined and deletions are [bracketed].